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REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format and to correct the numbering of claims 20, 21 and 22 to be 19, 20 and 21.

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- 4. (Amended) A heat transfer element according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, which further comprises metal fibres interspersed therein.
- 6. (Amended) A heat transfer element according to [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, in which the polymer matrix further includes particles of metal dispersed therein.
- 7. (Amended) A heat transfer element according to [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, in which the glass fibres comprise chemically resistant glass fibres.
- 8. (Amended) A heat transfer element according to [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, in which the glass fibres are mixed with fibres of a plastics material.
- 10. (Amended) A heat transfer element according to [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1, in which the glass fibres comprises continuous fibres.
- 13. (Amended) A heat transfer element according to claim 11 [or claim 12], in which the glass fibres comprise a continuous tube comprising loosely commingled rovings, wherein the individual rovings extend at an angle of about 10° to about 15° to the tube axis.
- 15. (Amended) A heat transfer element according to [any one of claims 1 to 14] claim 1, wherein an intermediate layer of a plastics material is provided underneath the outer fluoropolymer surface of the element.
- 17. (Amended) A heat transfer element according to [any one of claims 1 to 16] claim 1, wherein the fluoropolymer comprises PVDF.

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- 18. (Amended) A heat transfer element according to [any one of claims 1 to 19] claim 1, wherein the fluoropolymer is mixed with another thermoplastic polymer.
- [20] 19. (Amended) A heat transfer element according to claim 18, wherein the other thermoplastic polymer is an acrylic polymer.
- [21] 20. (Amended) A process for the production of a heat transfer element according to [any one of claims 1 to 20] <u>claim 1</u> comprising providing a fibrous base portion comprising glass fibres, and forming by compression moulding or lamination over the surface of the base portion a coating comprising a fluoropolymer whereby the glass fibres comprise from about 20% by volume to about 60% by volume of the heat transfer element.
- [22] <u>21</u>. (Amended) A process according to claim [21] <u>20</u>, wherein the [firbous] <u>fibrous</u> base portion further includes metal fibres.